

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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AMENDED FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1348

fireworks; retail sales; enforcement

Purpose

Removes two time periods from the days specified cities, towns and counties may prohibit the sale and use of permissible consumer fireworks (fireworks) and allows a fire marshal to enforce firework regulations within their jurisdiction.

Background

Arizona counties with a population of more than 500,000 may: 1) regulate, consistent with the standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Association, the sale of fireworks within its corporate limits; 2) prohibit the sale of fireworks on days other than May 20 through July 6 and December 10 through January 3; 3) prohibit the use of fireworks on days other than June 24 through July 6 and December 24 through January 3; and 4) prohibit on all days the use of fireworks within a one mile radius of the border of preservation lands.

Counties with a population of less than 500,000 may implement the firework regulations prescribed to counties with a population of more than 500,000. Additionally, counties with a population of less than 500,000 may be prohibited from firework sale and usage if a stage one or higher fire restriction is in place (A.R.S. § 36-1606).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

- 1. Removes, from the days a county with a population of more than 500,000 may prohibit the sale and use of fireworks:
 - a) April 25 through May 7; and
 - b) five days before the first day of Diwali through two days after the last day of Diwali each year.
- 2. Allows, for a county with a population of more than 500,000, an incorporated city or town, or the county for unincorporated areas, to prohibit the use of fireworks within a one-mile radius of any municipal or county mountain lands during a stage one or higher fire restriction.
- 3. Allows, for a county with a population of less than 500,000, an incorporated city or town, or the county for unincorporated areas, to prohibit the use of fireworks within a one-mile radius of certain municipal or county lands at any time.
- 4. Includes, on approved retail sales signage for fireworks sale and use, the following time periods:
 - a) April 25 through May 7; and
 - b) five days before the first day of Diwali through two days after the last day of Diwali each year.

- 5. Allows a fire marshal working for or contracted with a city, town, fire district or county to seize, remove or cause to be removed all fireworks for sale or offered for sale in violation of firework regulation in the fire marshal's jurisdiction.
- 6. Allows a city, town, fire district or county to impose a fine on an individual in possession of fireworks and in violation of firework regulations that at a minimum covers the cost of enforcement by the fire marshal.
- 7. Prohibits a person that has fireworks confiscated more than two times in a five-year period from selling fireworks in Arizona for the three years following the most recent violation.
- 8. Defines *adult snapper* as a device that consists of a paper wrapped or plastic tube that does not contain a fuse, produces a single report and meets fuseless firework standards.
- 9. Includes *adult snappers* as a *permissible consumer firework* and allows the use of adult snappers in a county with a population of more than 500,000.
- 10. Makes technical and conforming changes.
- 11. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

- 1. Removes specified time periods from when a county with a population of more than 500,000 may prohibit the sale and use of fireworks.
- 2. Allows, for a county with a population of more than 500,000, the county or an incorporated city or town to prohibit the use of fireworks within a one-mile radius of any municipal or county mountain lands during a stage one or higher fire restriction.
- 3. Allows, for a county with a population of less than 500,000, the county or an incorporated city or town to prohibit the use of fireworks within a one-mile radius of certain municipal of county lands at any time.
- 4. Adds, to the individuals who may enforce firework removal, a fire marshal working for or contracted with a fire district.
- 5. Adds *adult snappers* to permissible consumer fireworks allowed in counties with a population of more than 500,000.
- 6. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Senate Action

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